

ANSWERS TO QUERIES SENT BY READERS TO

## The Times Question Box

## Times Inquiry Department:

Will you please tell me something to clear the complexion of pimples and brown spots on the face?

Please tell me some way to clean tan slippers that have dark brown spots, where I have rubbed them together in dancing. Very truly,  
Mrs. L. T. M.

There is nothing better for the removal of brown spots and pimples than peroxide of hydrogen, or dioxygen, applied in a diluted state, two or three times a day. Pay strict attention to your diet, as brown spots are usually the result of a sluggish liver.

If the slippers are suede, some of the prepared suede powder, which may be bought at any first-class shoe store, will make the color uniform. If the leather is glazed, clean it with gasoline, and afterward polish with some of the prepared polishes. A shoe shine boy told me a secret once, which I pass along to those who favor tan shoes. Before he polishes any tan leather, he first washes it off with ivory soap, afterward applying the polish. This, he claims, keeps the leather soft and pliable, and restores it to its original shade.

M. A. E.—There are no premiums on the coins you mentioned in your communication of April 1.

Times Inquiry Department:  
I have heard that lemons are a sure cure for malaria. Will you please tell me how to take them, and how many a day, and whether you take them in whiskey? Truly,  
A. SUPERB.

Lemons are an old Italian remedy for malaria. The preparation is as follows: Take one lemon, rind and all, and slice it into a saucer, pouring over it one and one-half pints of water. Cook this down to one-half pint, and strain through coarse cotton or linen, so that part of the rind and pulp pass through. Let this stand until cool, and drink it without sugar. This should be taken every day, for several days, eating very little solid food while taking the remedy.

Times Inquiry Department:  
Would you mind answering the following questions, which I wish to use for personal reasons?

The city in the United States having the largest lumber market.  
The city in the United States having the largest lead market.  
The city in the United States having the largest woolen industries.  
The city in the United States having the largest cotton industries.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,  
L. A. S.

Chicago is the largest lumber market; St. Louis the largest lead market for distribution; Boston the largest wool market; New Orleans the largest cotton market.

Times Inquiry Department:  
Can you tell me whether the chevrons on uniforms of the non-commissioned officers of the Marine Corps form the letter A or the letter V. Is the point at the top or bottom? INTERESTED.

I am informed that the point of the chevron is at the top, forming the letter A.

Times Inquiry Column:  
I am troubled with bumps on my face, and I should like to know how to get rid of them.

You do not describe the bumps sufficiently so that I can tell their character. If they are pimples here is an excellent remedy: First soften the skin with a good cold cream, then apply the lotion made from two ounces of ether and two ounces of soap liniment. Rub into the spots affected, and as soon as the mixture burns wash the surface with hot water. Pay particular attention to your diet, and take a teaspoonful of phosphate of soda in hot water every morning before breakfast, drinking at night a glassful of hot water before retiring. Use diluted dioxygen on the face once or twice a day, and I am sure that after following these directions, you will see an improvement within a short time.

Times Inquiry Department:  
Will you please tell me if black willow plumes can be worn for mourning, and will you also tell me if a black willow plume could get for mourning. Something that is plain, inexpensive, but nice. MRS. S.

Willow plumes are not worn for first mourning. Have your hair trimmed with crepe or dull black ribbon. Any of the light wool materials, such as henrietta, cashmere, French serge, crepe de chine, canmere de sole, or any goods having a dull finish would be appropriate for mourning wear. There is a dull finish India silk, extremely light and cool, that is excellent for summer wear for those who are in mourning. Tell the clerk at the mourning goods counter the style of material you desire, and he will assist you with expert suggestions.

Times Inquiry Department:  
Can you kindly publish a remedy for bunions? Very truly,  
R.L.J.

The following is said to be excellent for bunions: Glycine, 2 drachms; carbolic acid, 2 drachms; tincture of iodine, 2 drachms. Paint the inflamed joint with this lotion several times a day with a small camel-hair brush, being careful not to allow any of the liquid to touch the healthy skin. Tincture of iodine alone is said to be excellent; also a poultice of flaxseed and slippery elm. Wear a shield to protect the joint from rubbing.

Times Inquiry Department:  
Will you not be good enough to publish a short synopsis of "Lohengrin" in your inquiry column? Very truly,  
R.L.J.

Henry, the fowler, has come to Antwerp to summon his lieges against the Hungarians, who threaten the frontier. He finds the chiefs without a leader, the young son of the late duke, Gottfried, having disappeared, and Telramund claiming the sovereignty of Brabant. He has openly accused Elsa of having murdered Gottfried to win the crown for herself. Elsa is summoned to appear and answer the charges, and the king decrees that her cause shall be submitted to an ordeal of battle between Telramund and any champion Elsa may choose to defend her. She describes a knight whom she has seen in a vision and conjures him to fight for her. After many appeals, a boat drawn by a swan is seen to approach, and Lohengrin, Elsa's knight, makes his appearance. Before they fight, Lohengrin betrays himself to Elsa. Telramund is overcome in the fight and is stripped of his lands and honors. He, with his wife, are determined to compass the ruin of Elsa and Lohengrin, and as both watch outside Elsa's palace, they see her upon the balcony, and make a piteous appeal, which so moves her that she promises to obtain a reprieve of Telramund's sentence. She offers shelter to Ortrud for the night, who, amid false protestations of gratitude, affects concern for Elsa's future happiness, and manages to insinuate the first germs of suspicion in Elsa's mind. They enter the abode of Elsa, and the retainers and vassals assemble to form the bridal procession.

Ortrud appears among Elsa's ladies, and when arrived at the steps of the minister, she cannot restrain her haughty temper, and disputes Elsa's rights of precedence. The king and Lohengrin enter, and Lohengrin reproves Elsa for holding converse with the evil-minded woman. On the way to the church, Telramund approaches and accuses Lohengrin of sorcery. The faith of the king and his knights in Lohengrin remain unshaken, however, and the train finally enters the church, and they are united.

Elsa and Lohengrin are alone, and doubt and suspicion has taken complete possession of Elsa's mind. She questions her husband, unmindful of his cautions that if she insists he must reveal his secret and their happiness must end. When their altercation is at its height, a murderous attempt is made upon Lohengrin's life by Telramund and four of his followers. Elsa hands Lohengrin his sword, and Lohengrin slays Telramund with one powerful blow. He then places Elsa in the care of her ladies, charging them to lead her into the presence of the king. Before the king he meets her once more, and reveals himself to be the son of Percival, and a Knight of the Holy Grail. Being known, he is now bound to return to his mysterious guardian.

As Elsa speaks the words leading the boat, appears, and to Elsa's unspeakable sorrow he bids her an eternal farewell, but before he enters the boat he disenchants the swan, who is none other than Gottfried, transformed by Ortrud's sorcery, and who now takes rightful possession of his dukedom.

Times Inquiry Department:  
Will you kindly publish in your paper the history of St. Gaudens' statue, "Grief," in Rock Creek Cemetery?

Thanking you in advance, I remain,  
A READER.

This mysterious monument, which has upon it no title nor inscription was erected by Henry Adams, a historian, in memory of his wife. It was intended by the sculptor to be symbolical of "Peace of God," and not "grief," as many who see it have believed. In the December, 1888, issue of the Georgetown College Journal, an article signed by John F. Crosby, class of 1912, lifted the veil of mystery that has surrounded the beautiful work of art. It is too lengthy to reproduce here, but from St. Gaudens himself, the author received a letter in which the artist writes as follows:

"I thank you for your kind words about my statue, and the photograph you took of it at Rock Creek. It is hard to put into words what I tried to express in the figure, but I was not 'grief.' John Hay called it the 'Peace of God.' Nothing has been said that more nearly expresses what I wished to convey than that. Sincerely,  
AUGUSTUS SAINT GAUDENS.

The story is that Henry Adams, a historian and man of great intellect, married a woman much younger than himself, with whom he was deeply in love. He was engaged at the time in writing a history of the United States, and this, together with other literary pursuits, so engrossed him that he unintentionally neglected his fond wife. She, believing herself unloved, became a prey to melancholy, her death soon following.

Adams was, of course, greatly shocked at this, and overcame with sorrow, commissioned Saint Gaudens to carve in memory the beautiful figure that now may be seen over her grave in Rock Creek Cemetery. Nowhere upon the monument is there any title or word of inscription by which it may be identified with its hidden meaning.

Scarcely had it been erected, when a heated discussion arose among art critics as to what it was intended to typify. The majority contended that it was a symbolical of grief, but in others it awakened the widely differing emotions of peace, melancholy, despair and meditation. All agreed that it was the most beautifully exquisite statue in Washington, and such a distinguished art critic as Gaston Migeon went so far as to say: "I know of no other analogous work so profound in sentiment, so exalted in its art, and executed by methods so broad and simple, since the most telling sculpture of the Middle Ages. In me, personally, it awakens a deeper emotion than any other work of art." As to its exact meaning men and artists have always been at variance, and from its erection, down to the present time, contradictory interpretations have come from equally prominent sources. The above letter, coming from the master sculptor himself, eternally sets at rest any controversy as to the artist's conception of the work.

## President's Daughter Guest of Honor At Picnic for Young People Today

## Meyer Residence Scene of Merry-makers' Departure.

Miss Helen Taft will be the honor guest at a picnic party for young people starting this afternoon from the residence of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Meyer, on Sheridan Circle. Last night the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Beekman Winthrop gave a supper party for young people in honor of the President's daughter.

## Austrian Naval Attaché And Wife Left Abroad.

The naval attaché of the Austro-Hungarian embassy and Baroness Preussner, who left Washington Sunday for New York, have sailed for England where they will spend the summer. Baron Preussner unexpectedly received cable orders to proceed to London for special duty during the coronation celebration.

The French ambassador and Mme. Jusserand will leave Washington the middle of the 20th.

Mrs. John Rodgers will leave Washington early in June for York Harbor, Maine, where she will be joined the first of August by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Westcott.

## Miss Thyson Is Bride Of D. O. Southworth.

Miss Marie Grace Thyson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Thyson, was married to Dallas O. Southworth, of Ohio, last evening at 7:30 o'clock. The ceremony, which was attended by a large party of relatives and friends, was performed at the bride's home, 1366 Columbia road, by the Rev. Joseph McGee, of the Sacred Heart Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Southworth left Washington later in the evening for New York. Mrs. Southworth traveled in a tailored suit of navy blue serge with a small blue hat. After June 15 they will be at home at 1366 Columbia road.

Among the out-of-town guests were Lieut. William Sloan Harrison, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Harrison, of Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Thyson, Jr., of Richmond, and DeWitt Southworth, of South Bend, Ind.

## Count Von Bernstorff Returns From Old Point.

The German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, has returned to Washington from a short trip to Old Point Comfort, Va.

Gen. and Mrs. George L. Gillespie, U. S. A., will close their Washington residence on New Hampshire avenue tomorrow and will go over to New York for a week, before going to their summer home at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Mrs. D. P. McCartney and Miss Annie Irwin, who landed in New York Sunday, after spending the winter abroad, have returned to Washington, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chapman, who went over to New York to meet them. They will be in Washington a week or ten days before going to their summer home, The Anchorage, at Oaterville, Mass.

The Congressional Club has cards out for the usual Friday afternoon reception for May 26, at which Mrs. Lenore Sherwood Pyle will be the guest of honor. There will be a program of music at 4 o'clock, followed by tea at 5 o'clock.

## Entertainment Tonight For 'Homeless Waifs.'

There will be an evening of song and story in the auditorium of Chevy Chase Seminary this evening at 8:15 o'clock, for the benefit of the "homeless waifs" of the Florence Crittenton Home. The artists for the evening will be Miss Gretchen Hood, soprano, Miss Goff, contralto; Miss Jean Wilson, reader; Joseph Mathieu, tenor, and Louis Porter, pianist, and after the program refreshments will be served by a bevy of the seminary girls.

Through the courtesy of Lieutenant Santelmann, the Marine Band will play during the evening.

## Dr. and Mrs. Whiting And Daughter to Leave.

Dr. and Mrs. Guy Fairfax Whiting will close their Washington residence Sunday, and accompanied by their daughters, the Misses Whiting, will go to New York, to spend several weeks before going to Bar Harbor, where they have taken a cottage for the season.

Mrs. Sanker Bacon, wife of Dr. Bacon, U. S. N., will go to Annapolis Saturday, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Edward Parker, wife of Dr. Parker, U. S. N., for June week.

## Mrs. Moore Entertains Miss Dorothy Langhitt

Mrs. Richard C. Moore, wife of Captain Moore, U. S. A., entertained at luncheon today at the Illinoisland in complement to Miss Dorothy Langhitt, daughter of Col. and Mrs. W. C. Langhitt, U. S. A., whose marriage to Lieut. Francis B. Wilby, U. S. A., will take place tomorrow.

Mrs. Moore is to be matron of honor at the wedding and her guests today were the bridesmaids who will attend Miss Langhitt. They are Margaret Wilby, of Detroit, sister of the bridegroom; Miss Eugenie Havard, of Connecticut; Miss Margaret Brooks, and Miss Claire Wilcox, of Portland, Oregon. Covers were laid for fourteen.

## Colonel Symons and Wife And Daughter Leave In June.

Col. Thomas W. Symons, U. S. A., and Mrs. Symons, and Miss Symons, will close their Washington residence about the middle of June and go to New Haven for the graduation of Thomas W. Symons, Jr., from Yale.

They will spend three weeks motoring in the New England States, and in July Mr. Symons will sail for Europe. He will call on Oxford next season.

Colonel Symons and his family will spend the summer at one of the North Shore resorts.

Mrs. Whitehead and Miss Landon, of Atlanta, Ga., who have spent the winter and spring in New York, will arrive in Washington this evening, and tomorrow morning to be the guests of Judge and Mrs. Charles B. Howry for several days. They will make the trip by automobile, and will be accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Howry, who has spent the winter in New York studying music.

Mrs. Edward McCauley will go to Philadelphia Tuesday to be the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Donnell Lee, for several days.

## Austrian Ambassador and Wife Going to Bar Harbor.

The Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and Baroness Hengelmüller will leave Washington Friday for New York for a few days, and then they will go to Bar Harbor, where the embassy will be established for the summer.

Rear Admiral Charles H. Stockton, U. S. N., and Mrs. Stockton left Washington several days ago for Lake Mohonk, N. Y., where they are attending the peace conference. They will return Monday evening.

Miss Margaret Brooke, daughter of Mrs. E. H. Brooke, will return to Washington today from New York, where she has been attending her class reunion at the Spence School, from which she was graduated over to New York for a week, before going to their summer home at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

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## Secretary Knox Gives Luncheon to Fur Seal Delegates.

The Secretary of State, Philander C. Knox, was host at luncheon today, having as his guests the delegates to the International Fur Seal Commission, now in Washington. In the party were the British ambassador, James Bryce, the Japanese ambassador, Baron Uchida; the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Charles Nagel, Pierre Botkin, Baron Nolde, Mr. Brankov, and Mr. Nabokoff, Russian delegates; the Hon. Joseph P. Foster, Ernest Poland, Alfred Fraser, and George Young, British delegates; Hotschi Danks, Kazuko Kitahara, and Mrs. Hanhara, Japanese delegates; Chandler Anderson, of the State Department; Eames Macoun, Robert Lansing, and F. Lowe Pierpont, United States delegates, and Charles F. Wilson, of the State Department.

## Mrs. Carter Gives Luncheon For Niece and Party.

Mrs. Carter, wife of the former Senator of Montana, gave a beautifully appointed luncheon today at her residence on Sixteenth street, in honor of her niece, Miss Marguerite Carter, and her colleagues in the senior class of the Georgetown College of the Visitation.

The guests were Mrs. Carter, sister-in-law of the hostess; Miss Ella Lorraine Dorsey, one of the oldest graduates of the convent, and the members of the graduating class, Miss Antoinette Ray, Miss Keane, Miss Gracie, of Arkansas; Miss McMullen, Miss Danner, Miss Crosby, and Miss Lyons. The table was prettily decorated with yellow roses and marguerites, and the favors were dainty hand-painted fans.

## Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce Entertain at Tea Today.

The British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce will entertain at tea this afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at the embassy, in celebration of empire day. The delegates from Canada to the seal conference will be among the guests.

Gen. John P. Story, U. S. A., is spending some time with his daughter, the Countess de Buisseret, at thelegation. On Saturday the countess will send her children to Whitehall, the summer home of General and Mrs. Story, near Annapolis, Md., for the month of June. The countess will go to Whitehall the first of next month to be with her mother until July 8, when she will join her husband in Europe. General Story will spend summer in California.

## New War Secretary to Attend Garden Party.

The new Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, will be among those assisting Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant, U. S. A., when they receive tomorrow afternoon at the garden party which is to be given on Governor's Island in aid of the New York branch of the Army Relief Society.

The Minister of Denmark and Countess Moltke will spend the months of June and July at Lancaster, Mass., the guests of the latter's mother and sister, Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer and Miss Thayer, of Boston. In August the count and countess will sail for Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Elaine Elkins, who have been spending the greater part of the winter in Washington, have returned to their home in Morgantown, W. Va.

## Miss Bayard to Wed Norman Underwood In June.

Mrs. James A. Bayard announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Arne Francis Bayard, to Norman Underwood, of Washington, D. C. The wedding will take place in June.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Gore were dinner hosts last night, having as their guests Mrs. Bryn, wife of the Minister of Norway; former Senator and Mrs. J. C. Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kaufmann and Frank J. Poole.

Mrs. Stephen R. Elkins and Miss Elkins will sail from New York tomorrow for Europe, to spend the summer abroad, as usual.

Albert Klein, second secretary of the German embassy, has gone to Atlantic City for a few weeks.

The Minister of Costa Rica, Senor Calvo, gave a picnic party yesterday afternoon to Mr. Vernon, making the trip on his yacht. His guests were Senora Donna Carlota Pinta de Velaz, daughter of Senor de Velaz, of San Jose, Costa Rica; Senorita Maria Louisa Jimenez and the Misses Anita and Adelita Jimenez, of Cartago, Costa Rica, and Senorita Calvo.

FOR LITTLE FOLK JUST BEFORE BEDTIME

## The Sandman's Stories

## LITTLE LADY.

THE Little Lady was very cross. "Big ladies are cross sometimes," she said when her mother told her she was not ladylike.

"You must go upstairs with nurse," her mother said, "and stay in your room until you can look pleasant." The Little Lady was held away, but at the door she looked back at her mother. "I do not love you any more," she said, her eyes flashing angrily as she spoke.

Then the Little Lady went upstairs with nurse, but she was not happy, and by and by she fell asleep. When she awoke there was a sound in the hall of people hurrying back and forth, and nurse would not let her go to the door, and her supper was served in her room.

When nurse undressed her she asked: "Where is mother? I have not kissed her good night." Nurse did not answer, and Little Lady asked again: "Isn't mother coming to kiss me good night?"

"Not tonight," nurse replied in a strange voice. "You must be quiet and go to sleep."

It was a long time before Little Lady could go to sleep, because she was thinking of her mother and the sorrow in her face when Little Lady said, "I do not love you any more."

When she did sleep Little Lady dreamed of an angel, all white with shining wings who seemed to float over her bed, and the angel's face was sad just as Little Lady's face was when she said, "I do not love you any more."

And Little Lady stretched out her arms in her dreams toward the white angel and cried out: "I do love you, I do." And the angel smiled and came down to her bed and kissed her. Then Little Lady awoke, and her house was still, so still that Little Lady began to cry and nurse came and comforted her.

Next morning Little Lady was dressed and nurse took her downstairs. Her father was waiting for her at the bottom of the stairs and took her in his arms and kissed her, and Little Lady felt something warm and wet on her cheek.

"Where is mother?" she asked when

they were at the breakfast table, and she wondered why her father covered his face with his hands and did not answer her.

After breakfast her father led her to the sitting room, and when the door was opened it was so dark in there the Little Lady could not see at first, but as she walked across the room, she saw a couch which was not there the day before. Some one was asleep on it, and when Little Lady was beside it she called, "Mother, Mother, I do love you," very still, and Little Lady knew then that she would never hear her say, "Mother, I do love you."

"I DO NOT LOVE YOU ANY MORE."

Little Lady is a big lady now, and a Little Lady calls her mother, but she still sees the sweet sad face and hears herself say, "I do not love you any more," and big lady as she is she weeps and says, "Mother, mother, I do love you."

And when her little lady is cross and says, "I do not love you any more," she tells her the story of the Little Lady who said those words to her mother and an angel took the mother away before the Little Lady saw her again to say, "Mother, I do love you."

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